



Minutes of Regular Meeting

Thursday, December 10, 2020 9:00 a.m.
Online/call-in Zoom Meeting due to Covid-19

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A regular meeting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (“**LEPC**”) of Yuma County, was held and duly called to order at 9:04 am by LEPC Chairman Mike Erfert. Recording of official minutes is Stephanie Booher.

Roll call (self-introductions were made)

Members Present:

Jillian Attaway, Group 2	Tony Badilla, YCOEM, Group 2
Alonzo Brown for Robert Barocio, YPG, Group 2	Thomas Batsom, Red Cross, Group 4
Johnnie Ehrlich for Michael Callahan, Gowan, Group 5	Louie Carlos, Somerton Fire Dept, Group 2
Jeff Denman, Citizen, Group 4	Gary Elk, Western Precooling System, Group 5
Mike Erfert, Yuma Fire, Group 2	Dustin Fields, Yuma Fire, Group 2
Michael Fila, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Group 2	Susanna Hitchcock, City of Yuma, Group 2
Enrique Lopez, San Luis Fire, Group 2	Andrea Mitchell, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Group 2
Lawrence Ornellas, Yuma Cogeneration Assoc., Group 5	Alan Pruitt, WAEDD, Group 4
John Reid, USBR, Group 2	Reynaldo Rivera, Rural Metro Fire, Group 2
Cori Schultz, Rural Metro Fire, Group 2	Lynn Harlow-Smith, PHEP, Group 2

Guests were introduced:

Jen Alspach, Cocopah	Kimberlee Battaglia, APS
Russell Hartley, YCOEM	Larry Hopper, NOAA
Michele Martinez, AZDEQ	Craig Namanny, Welbrook
Nancy Tucker, AirMedCare Network	

Chairman Erfert confirmed a quorum was present and declared the meeting rightfully assembled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the Minutes from the October 8, 2020 LEPC meeting were distributed and individually reviewed by the committee. A request was made to approve the minutes by Chairman Mike Erfert –Motion to approve was made by Lynn Harlow-Smith and seconded by John Reid. All in favor, none opposed.

MEMBERSHIP STATUS

Chairman Mike Erfert reviewed the membership status for renewals and determined that there are no memberships up for renewal for this meeting.

A request was made to approve new member applications by Chairman Mike Erfert.

- Motion to approve Russell Hartley was made by Mike Erfert and seconded by Tony Badilla. All in favor, none opposed.

A request was made to approve the removal of the following members by Chairman Mike Erfert.

- Request to remove Gary Koehn as a member was accepted.

CHAIRMAN REPORT:

Chairman Mike Erfert thanked everyone for their perseverance in the alternative ways of doing business. He reported the last meeting for the Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Days was held last Tuesday and will be a virtual event next year.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Funding received for the FFY20/21.

<u>\$13,000.00</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
5,000.00	Ammonia Days
4,000.00	NASTTPO Conference
2,000.00	HAZ-Mat IAFC International Conference
2,000.00	LEPC-Hazardous Material Response Plan Update

Tony Badilla reported an additional \$10,540 HMEP funds were awarded to send 3 Fire Hazmat Techs to the Ammonia Safety Training Institute to be held in May or June.

COORDINATORS REPORT:

Tony Badilla stated we would be coordinating with the Fire departments to gain interest in attending the Ammonia Safety Training Institute.

Tony stated the required changes were made to the LEPC By-laws 1.) Remove a member missing 1 meeting to 3 meetings. 2.) Voting members to elect an alternate in their absence. 3.) Change meeting date from Thursday to Tuesday. They were reviewed by Michele Martinez, ADEQ and our Legal department. The next step will be to review and make changes to the Emergency Response Plan in reference to the fire response and the Haz-mat Plan and responsibilities.

A request was made to approve the new LEPC By-laws by Tony Badilla.

- Motion to approve changes made to the LEPC By-laws was made by Tom Batson and seconded by Louie Carlos. All in favor, none opposed.

Tony welcomed the newest member of the Emergency Management Team and LEPC member, Russell Hartley, Emergency Management Specialist.

PRESENTATION:

Tom Batson presented on trainings that are available through the Red Cross and are available Virtual.

- Be Red Cross Ready is a FREE preparedness education curriculum to help people understand, prepare for and respond to disasters such as floods, hurricanes and wildfires.
- Red Cross Virtual Family Assistance Center (VFAC) has a team of trained mental health, spiritual care and health services volunteers to provide support. VFAC also offers access to national, state and local resources such as grief counseling, legal resources, funeral information, financial information or veterans' assistance.
- Red Cross Ready Rating is a free membership program designed to help your business, school or organization become better prepared for disasters and other emergencies. The online assessment measures their current readiness level and based on their score gives immediate customized feedback from the Red Cross emergency preparedness experts and then gives them the tools and resources needed to become prepared.
- Tom stated due to Covid-19 their office will not be open until July. They will continue to do one-on-one appointments when necessary. They are still conducting CPR training and blood drives.

GOOD OF THE ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS-

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS-

Mike Erfert reported getting calls of a strong smell of gas/petroleum in the area of 32nd Street and 3E. He stated it is a business northeast of that intersection that deals with petroleum transfers and involves used lubricating oil, which gives off that strong smell. Tony Badilla asked for contact information and he would forward that information to ADEQ.

Michele Martinez reported ERF letters went out Oct. 19th and Yuma County was awarded \$12,290.36 and should be receiving the equipment in the new few weeks.

Larry Hopper reported an email went out Tuesday about statements regarding flash flood & severe thunderstorm warnings and will be replacing advisories in the future. If needing any support from the weather service please reach out to either Larry Hopper or Jaret Rogers.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC-

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, A motion was made by Dustin Fields and seconded by Louie Carlos to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m. All in favor, none opposed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2021 via Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Booher,
Emergency Management Assistant, Yuma County OEM